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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5911
INFO USICA WASHDC

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S2000000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SHUM, AR
SUBJECT: DETENTION OF FRENCH JOURNALIST

REF: PERETZ - EMBASSY PRESS OFFICE TELEGRAM

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM EMBASSY TO
MARTIN PERETZ, EDITOR, NEW REPUBLIC IN WASHINGTON:

2. RE YOUR TELEGRAM ON BERNARD-HENRI LEVY. MAY 31
BUENOS AIRES HERALD (ENGLISH LANGUAGE) HAD REPORTED
LEVY DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING HERE ON ARRIVAL MAY 27.
ACCORDING TO HERALD STORY AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
STORY, LEVY WAS QUESTIONED FOR 4 OR 5 HOURS AND
THEN RELEASED AND PERMITTED TO ENTER ARGENTINA.
PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY HE WAS HELD BECAUSE HE WAS IN
POSSESSION OF LITERATURE CONSIDERED SUBVERSIVE BY
AUTHORITIES, I.E., PUBLICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LEAGUE OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
AND AN ARTICLE FROM LE NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR.

3. ON MAY 31, VEVY MET WITH EMBASSY OFFICER,
AFTER EARLIER UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO CONTACT
EMBASSY OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. LEVY DID
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NOT GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT HIS AIRPORT DETENTION.
FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL DROVE LEVY TO AIRPORT
SAME AFTERNOON. THERE HE BOARDED FLIGHT TO

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RIO TO CONNECT WITH PARIS CONCORDE FLIGHT.
HE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE JUNE 1 AT 7:00 PM.

4. DURING HIS STAY IN BUENOS AIRES, LEVY
APPARENTLY WAS PERMITTED TO MOVE FREELY. HE
MET WITH A NUMBER OF POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS
FIGURES.

5. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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